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Department Looks to New Site for Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center

Citing lack of community support, the Missouri Department of Corrections announced today it is withdrawing a proposal to construct the Community Supervision Center (CSC) site on the Katsaliros property east of Township Line Road, off Highway 67 in Butler County. The Office of Administration, Division of Facilities Management/Design and Construction will shortly request public comment on another potential site identified in the selection process.

“This Community Supervision Center will provide a great public safety benefit, though the lack of public support for the other sites has been disappointing. I sincerely hope that the leaders of Poplar Bluff step up to the plate and support this,” Department Director Larry Crawford said.

Community Supervision Centers aren’t designed to replace jails or prisons. The sites serve as traditional housing units where released offenders are required to work, attend school, attend treatment and fulfill other obligations ordered by the Missouri Parole Board or the Court.

The U.S. Justice Department provides 90 percent of the funding for Community Supervision Centers, and the state pays 10 percent. Missouri’s Board of Probation and Parole has completed Community Supervision Centers in St. Joseph and Farmington. Construction is underway on a CSC in Hannibal, and that facility is expected to be finished in 2007. Construction is expected to start in August on a Community Supervision Center in Kennett.

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